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HUNTER AND SKELTON SUGGEST FRAMEWORK FOR IRAQI WAR CRIMES TRIALS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee today asked the President to use the Nuremberg trials as a model for the prosecution of war crimes committed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In a letter to the President, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and Ranking Democrat Ike Skelton (D-MO) advocate prosecuting war crimes through an international military tribunal, such as those convened in Germany and Japan following World War II.

“The evidence clearly points to criminal actions on the part of the Iraqi military with respect to our POWs,” said Hunter. “This framework will put the process in place to see that justice is done.”

“Our Armed Services Committee recently held a hearing on the international law regulating the treatment of prisoners of war. It is obvious that the Iraqis have violated these principles and those responsible should be held accountable before an international tribunal,” said Skelton.

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Attachment: 4/8/03 Hunter-Skelton letter to the President